

**TEHAMA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL
& WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2007**

Present: Directors' Ron Warner, Gregg Avilla; Charles Willard; Bob Williams; George Russell. Also present: Ernie Ohlin, Water Resources Manager; Dan McManus, DWR.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**: Chairman Warner called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. All members present.
2. **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 14, 2006 MINUTES**: Motion by Director Avilla and second by Director Willard to approve the November 14, 2006 minutes. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**: None
4. **CLAIMS**: Motion by Director Russell and second by director Williams to approve the Claims as presented in the amount of \$7,536.09. Carried 5-0.
5. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**: Motion by Director Russell, second by Director Willard to nominate Gregg Avilla as Chairman of the Tehama County Flood Control Board. Motion carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

Motion by Director Avilla and second by Director Russell to nominate Bob Williams as Vice Chairman of the Tehama County Flood Control. Motion carried 5-0.

The new Chairman Gregg Avilla took over the meeting.

6. **APPROVAL OF 2007 MEETING DATES**: Motion by Director Williams and second by Director Warner to approve the 2007 meeting dates for the Tehama County Flood Control. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
7. **APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE TO NCWA BOARD**: Ernie Ohlin, thanked Bill Borrer for his participation as representative to the NCWA Board.

Director Willard thanked Bill Borrer.

Bill Borrer discussed the need for board member representation to NCWA. Tehama County is past being a local entity and involved in regional efforts and NCWA is the only organization that has represented Northern California in our issues.

Last month, Bill Borrer continued, a ruling came from the State Water Resource Board concerning fees leveled on water right. Fees may be refunded and this is largely due to NCWA's legal efforts to overturn the ruling. Looking toward the future, the Governor has a water and storage plan. More emphasis is turning towards groundwater storage and conjunctive use projects. It is where the programs currently are. That is why the Board needs to remain involved with NCWA.

Motion by Director Warner and second by Director Avilla to nominate Bob Williams for the NCWA representative. Motion carried 5-0.

8. **AB3030 GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN TRIGGER LEVEL DOCUMENTS:**

Ernie Ohlin discussed the trigger level documents and awareness actions. Once in final draft form, the documents will be available for public review. Drafts are completed on three of the sub-basins in the Los Molinos East, Corning East, and Bowman area. Staff is requesting to circulate RFP's for funding to complete the other 9 groundwater sub-basins and to complete the background document. This would include information on how to form trigger levels and methodology for the public to understand the program. This would contribute to groundwater level awareness in the county.

Staff is also requesting the \$50,000 be transferred from the reserve funds. Ernie made note that previously, the Board had approved a \$50,000 transfer from the reserve fund for the subsidence elevation monitoring with DWR. After negotiations with DWR, this money will not be expended. Only in-kind service will be required.

Roger Sherrill, Rio Alto Water District and member of the AB3030 TAC, added that this is the longest and most important project for the County the TAC has worked on.

Motion by:

1. Director George Russell and second by Director Warner to authorize staff to circulate a request for qualifications to prepare the remaining nine groundwater trigger level Technical Memorandums and background documents. Motion Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
2. Director Russell and second by Director Williams to authorize the Director of Public Works to sign and execute an agreement to conduct such work. Carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
3. Director Russell and second by Director Williams to authorize the transfer of \$50,000 from general designation reserve to contingency; and \$50,000 from contingency to professional/special fund 603. Motion carried 5-0 with 0 absent.

9. **DWR-LOCAL ASSISTANCE PRESENTATION:** Dan McManus provided an informational presentation on a variety of water related projects including groundwater monitoring wells, analysis of water supply for urban development and Small Water System Drought Studies.

10. **MULTI-COMPLETION GROUNDWATER MONITORING WELLS-CONTRACT AWARD**: Ernie Ohlin reviewed the RFP's requesting proposals to drill and construct two 1,000 ft. deep multi-completion groundwater monitoring wells. Four firms competed and attended the mandatory field review. Staff recommended that the Board consider Eaton Drilling for the project.

Motion by Director Warner and second by Director Williams to award the Multi-Completion Monitoring Well contract to Eaton Drilling Company in the amount of \$120,440 and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract upon receipt of contract bonds, insurance, and County Counsel review. Motion carried 5-0 with 0 absent.
11. **WATER ISSUES UPDATE**: Ernie Ohlin reviewed various meetings staff has attended which included water awareness, drought preparedness in the north valley and the Integrated Conjunctive Water Management Plan proposed by the Glenn Colusa Irrigation District and the National Heritage Institute.
12. **ADJOURN**: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.